

HOURS OF HORROR
AFTER END OF WAR

An impression of the final fighting of the American troops in the war, just before the armistice went into effect, is given by Courtland Babcock, Jr., of the Yale Alumni Weekly. The letter in part says: "Monday came, and still the guns. Then the rumors began straggling in and groups of French soldiers walking rapidly and excitedly by, thrilled with the news. Nine o'clock, and a barrage going on that made us shiver. Then a telephone from H. Q. confirming and dissipating all rumors: yells, groups of excited, happy men here and there; but out there the barrage heavier.

"Ten o'clock! They must be taking a last kick at them for fair. The hour rolled around to 10:45; an increase, if conceivable, in violence; 10:50, 10:55, and, at 11 sharp, a final, mighty roar topped off by one great crash—some big gun they had been saving up. Then silence! The firing was over, but our work had begun. For us the war ended another twelve hours in all its horror. It seems they had gone over at 8:45 and had got into a fearful German barrage. The wounded began coming in at 11:30 or so, and at 1:30 the next morning the last of the 125 men had been through, and for us things were over.

"And the pity of it! Why man, a captain's card said: 'Wounded at 10:45 a. m.' Think of it—fifteen minutes before the end of this war of wars. Another card said wounded at 11 a. m. Fifteen deaths in that 125. Fifteen lives blown out like a candle in the last hour. Let us pray for their souls."

Going Ahead too Fast

The young detective was enthusiastic but inexperienced. Rushing in to his chief's office in great excitement, he cried: "I've found the assassin! I've got him cornered so that he can't escape!" The chief regarded him with withering scorn. "Allow me," he said, "to draw your attention to the fact that at present we are looking—not for the assassin, but for clues."—Judge.

YANKS DISLIKE
FRENCH CASH

Forgetting how to figure in "regular money" and learning how to calculate in "this doggon stuff" is one of the first worries of the American soldiers in France, says New York Evening Sun.

"Regular money" is good old dollars and cents, nickels, dimes and quarters.

"This doggon stuff" is the name applied to French francs, usually paper money, often as low as single francs, or 20 cents, for most small cities have issued local small change currency.

The Americans do not like French paper money. They say it is trash, and tears, and is hard to count.

On the other hand, the French are shocked when an American crumples French paper up and shoves it in his pocket the "way they do back home." French money is to be handled in big pocketbooks and not crumpled.

"Look at some real money once," a doughboy told a merchant, and flashed a bright new silver certificate. When he crumpled it up in his fist to show how "real money can be used" the Frenchman almost fainted.

The Americans are paid almost entirely in French money and they are getting used to francs, though they all agree "a franc's so small it slips through your fingers like water."

The rapid increase in the amount of poultry raised for the table in this country is strong proof that it is becoming more and more popular, and although it may not deserve its popularity on the grounds of strict economy, it certainly does earn it by its attractive flavor, easy digestibility and the pleasant variety it gives to our meat list.

In most localities the poultry house should face the south, as this insures the greatest amount of sunlight during the winter. Proper ventilation and sunlight mean a dry house and healthy birds.

AMERICANS AND
BIGGEST BATTLE

Meuse-Argonne Scrap Biggest Fracas of Entire War

The Meuse-Argonne battle is the greatest battle fought by American troops and one of the greatest battles in its far-reaching effects, in the history of the world. There the first and second American armies were assigned the task of breaking the German lines at the most critical point, and victory there meant the collapse of Germany's powers of resistance. At Gettysburg about 150,000 men were engaged on both sides.

In the Meuse-Argonne operation twenty-one American divisions, or more than 600,000 men were in action between September 6 and during those six weeks forty divisions of the best troops Germany could muster were used against them. The country over which the battle was waged offered great natural obstructions to the advance of the Americans.

For several weeks it was a question of the severest fighting without any measurable gain in territory. Then the Germans were forced to give way and the Americans rushed through in less than a week clear to Sedan. A decisive victory had been won that marked the end of Germany's strength. Opposite Sedan, as General Pershing says, twenty-five miles from the American line of departure, "the strategic goal of our highest hope was gained. We had cut the enemy's main line of communications, and nothing but surrender or an armistice could save his army from complete disaster."

Five days later the German delegates signed the terms of armistice that Marshal Foch laid before them. When the part that the American forces played in France is finally assessed, they will be accorded no mean share of the glory and the praise for forcing Germany's rapid collapse and unconditional surrender. In the Meuse-Argonne battle they delivered the finishing stroke. —New York World.

THE DEATH ROLL

The latest governmental estimates of soldiers killed during the war are as follows: Russia, 1,700,000; France, 1,400,000; Great Britain, 658,704; and Italy, 500,000.

The figures of course, are estimates, but the sharp scrutiny of losses and the steady accumulation of information tend to remove errors and exaggerations. Reports of Germany's losses vary greatly, but it is probably conservative to estimate them at 1,500,000. Austria-Hungary lost heavily, probably 750,000 men. Turkey lost at least 300,000. Serbia's losses have been estimated at 250,000, an enormous percentage while Belgium lost more than 100,000. Roumania, 300,000 and the United States perhaps 75,000.

The total number of deaths directly resulting from the war was therefore no less than 7,500,000 men. Probably the death roll is higher. As for permanently crippled men, the total will run more than 10,000,000.

Couldn't Be Seen

"You say you are in love with Miss Baggs?"
"I'm sure of it."
"But I can't see anything attractive about her."
"Neither can I see it. But it's in the bank all right."—Ex.

HOGS SALVAGE
DAMAGED WHEAT

When a hail storm came crashing through Stillwater county, Mont., and beat 48,000 acres of choicest wheat into the ground just a few weeks before harvest, it left some discouraged farmers. It looked like a total loss, aside from the limited state hail insurance carried. Stillwater county, however, was fortunate in having a farm bureau and a live county agent. An executive committee meeting of the farm bureau was held at once, and it was decided that most of the wheat could be saved if hogs could be secured to clean up the fields. The county agent immediately got busy "hog hunting" among the other bureaus of the state, and the president of the county bureau went to Helena to get the state council of defense to authorize the advance payment of 50 per cent of the hail insurance money to help finance the purchase of the hogs. Both efforts were successful. The agent in Stillwater county inspected and accepted the hogs, they were shipped direct to the Stillwater county farmers and 2,300 head were put to work salvaging the damaged wheat.

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SUMMONS

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Fanny O. Johnstone, Plaintiff, vs. Wm. J. Johnstone, Defendant.

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer plaintiff's complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and cause on or before the 11th day of February, 1919, and if you fail to answer or otherwise appear, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in the complaint which is a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between plaintiff and you.

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C. H. FIGGOTT, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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